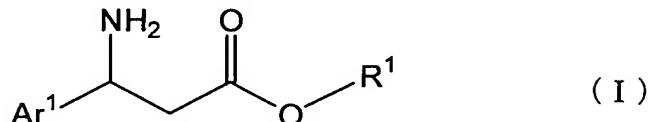


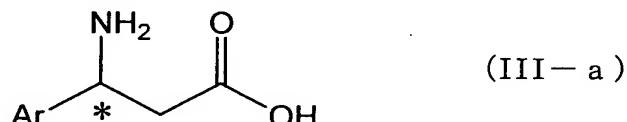
Abstract

The present invention is to provide an n-alkyl 3-amino-3-arylpropionate represented by the formula (I):



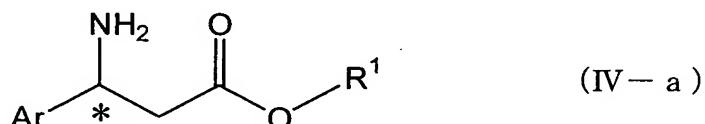
wherein Ar¹ represents an aryl group which may have a substituent(s), provided that a phenyl group and 4-methoxyphenyl group are excluded, R¹ represents an n-propyl group or an n-butyl group,

10 and a process for preparing the same, and its optically active compound and an optically active (S or R)-3-amino-3-arylpropionic acid represented by the formula (III-a):



wherein Ar represents an aryl group which may have a substituent(s), and * represents an asymmetric carbon,

and a process for preparing an optically active n-alkyl (R or S)-3-amino-3-arylpropionate represented by the formula (IV-a):



wherein Ar and R¹ have the same meanings as defined above, * represents an asymmetric carbon, provided that it has a reverse absolute configuration to the compound of the formula (III-a).